

Appl. No. 10/684,393
Amdt. Dated Jan. 14, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Dec. 14, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17, 19-22, and 24 stand objected to because of various informalities.

Appropriate correction has been made in that the term "structure" has been removed to make claim 1 more clear. In addition, claim 2 has been amended so that no antecedent basis is now required for the claimed clamping plane. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-20, 23, and 24 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,655,807 in view of Hoek. This rejection has been overcome by a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) which is timely filed herewith. The present application and U.S. Patent 6,655,807 are commonly owned, the present application being a continuation thereof owned by Delbar Products, Inc. by assignment recorded in the Assignment Division at Reel 014614/Frame 0104.

By the applicants' amendment and terminal disclaimer filed herewith, it is now believed that all outstanding objections and rejections have been traversed and allowance of the present application at an early date is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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